



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Jill McFadden et al. Confirmation No.: 2472  
Serial No.: 09/097,023 Examiner: M. Hayes  
Filing Date: June 12, 1998 Group Art Unit: 3763  
Docket No.: 1001.1566101 Customer No.: 28075  
For: CATHETER WITH KNIT SECTION

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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By Kathleen L. Boekley  
Kathleen L. Boekley

Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith. Also enclosed is a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to May 10, 2004.

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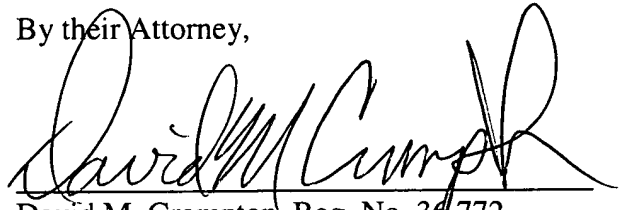
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Respectfully submitted,

Jill McFadden et al.

By their Attorney,

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period to expire March 8, 2004. A request for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith, extending the time for response to May 10, 2004.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and Dictionary Printout is attached following page 16 of this paper.